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begun to fight."*



*Captain John
Paul Jones*



Words from the Top...

Heritage, tradition run deep at Travis

By Col. Dave Lefforge
60th AMW Commander

The Air Force may be the youngest U.S. military branch, but our history is already running deep with outstanding achievements and rich traditions. Preserving our heritages makes us stronger as a wing, command, Air Force and nation. In remembrance of those who helped pave the way, the 21st Airlift Squadron "Beeliners" celebrate their 60th birthday tonight with a combat dining in. As a unit, they have been in continuous operation since their "birth" in Australia 1942! The event is unique; it includes special guests who were former members of the squadron. We welcome all the former "Beeliners" attending tonight's grand event, and also a congratulations to the current members who proudly wear the 21st AS patch around the world!

Speaking of airlift and the great things our flying squadrons have done, our current operations folks crunched numbers and updated the incredible feats that have been accomplished since Oct. 1, 2001. Travis C-5s have flown 23,832 hours worldwide in the last nine months, which equates to about 4,346 sorties. Considering the Fiscal Year '02 flying program allotted 20,544 hours for the entire year, they've been charging hard! Our KC-10s have doubled their numbers in flying hours having flown 26,222 hours in the last nine months. The FY '02 program for the year is 13, 801 hours. Everyone at Travis shares in these statistics ... because as I've said many times before, everyone touches the successful mission accomplishment of every single sortie we launch...from every single location we launch from. Congrats!

Speaking of "the incredible" when it comes to missions, Monday took an interesting turn early in the morning when the flight destination of one of our 6th Air Refueling Squadron KC-10 crews was redirected at the last minute from Hawaii to Wilford Hall Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas. Their mission, originally intended to support Operation

Enduring Freedom, altered long enough to pick up a specialized aeromedical evacuation transportation team and its equipment and fly it non-stop to Tripler Hospital in Hawaii. This critical care team of experts and their life sustaining equipment were dispatched to care for a 2-hour-old little girl whose lungs had basically shut down. She needed to be transported immediately to Wilford Hall where experts on her condition awaited. Members of the 660th Aircraft Generation Squadron, 60th Aerial Port Squadron and 6th ARS worked seamlessly to make the mission happen. Every second increased her chances of survival.

Travis' KC-10 crew pushed hard to Hawaii and arrived in record time. With their quick response, this little girl now has an 80 percent chance of survival. If that was my little newborn girl, I would hope there would be people out there who would do this for me. What other health care plan in the world would do this? Great effort and teamwork and kudos to Maj. Kevin Hampshire, Capt. Randy Sealy, Capt. Darin Reed, 1st Lt. James Taggart, Master Sgt. Jairo Santa, Staff Sgt. Samarnchai Schaller, Senior Airman Justin Campbell and Senior Airman Justin Konicke from the 6th ARS; Senior Master Sgt. Norene Fluechtling, Staff Sgt. Timothy Coutney, Staff Sgt. Mike Burghardt, Senior Airman Cedric Packard, and Senior Airman Chad Johnson from the 660th AGS; and Master Sgt. Albert Duran, Tech. Sgt. Ken Flow-ers, Tech. Sgt. Brian Honn-eycut, Tech. Sgt. John Eng-lish, Staff Sgt. Andrew Astells, Staff Sgt. Jeff Maquindang, Staff Sgt. Lewis Tobin, Staff Sgt. James Goforth, Senior Airman Josh Heintz, Mr. Gilbert Frely and Mr. Ken Matsumiya of the 60th APS. It is a tribute to them that this lifesaving mission during wartime operations happened as rapidly as it did. It speaks greatly to the expeditionary concept of today's Air Force and being able to alter and

respond to a mission at a moment's notice.

On yet another note ... great news! We've had a fine turnout of freshly promoted personnel in recent promotion boards. Congratulations to all the newly promoted majors, master sergeants and technical sergeants and the Intermediate Service School nomination list! See Pages 9, 20 and 21 for the story and complete lists. The staff sergeants' list comes out July 12.

I mentioned last week that we'd find out more about Stop Loss soon, and as many of you now know, the latest guidance has been released. Last Friday, Air Force officials announced the release of most Air Force Specialty Codes from Stop Loss. Eighteen specialties remain on Stop Loss, including three officer career fields and fifteen enlisted specialties. The Military Personnel Flight is providing all impacted personnel with the instructions and restrictions.

Another big change in the force structure for the youngest branch of service is on the horizon: wing reorganization. We have a significant task of reorganizing our wing structure, and must be underway by Oct. 1. Once complete across the Air Force, every wing organization will be standardized in order to enhance our expeditionary capabilities ... regardless of whether it's a mobility, combat, space or training wing. Every wing will have four groups: Operations, Maintenance, Mission Support and Medical. The most significant impact within the 60 AMW is that the Support Group will become the Mission Support Group, and will gain several organizations including the Aerial Port Squadron, Logistics Support Squadron and the Contracting Squadron. More information is inside this edition of the Tailwind.

Again, as the summer PCS flood races in, there are a few more goodbyes and welcomes to be said to our new group and squadron commanders as well as deputy commanders. I would like to bid a fond farewell to Col. Edward Connolly. Col Connolly relinquishes command of the 60th Logis-

tics Group this morning to Col. Dan Steele. Col. Connolly and his wife Carol will be heading off to a big assignment as Director of C-5 Maintenance with the Warner-Robins Air Logistics Center, Georgia. Ed and Carol ... you've been AWE-SOME! Col. Steele, his wife Julie and family join us from the Directorate for Logistics, the Joint Staff, Washington D.C. where he was the Joint Logistics Strategic Plans Team Chief. Welcome to Travis!

Additionally, one of my most trusted advisors Lt. Col. Linda Thomas, Deputy Commander, 60th Support Group. I, and we, always counted on her for candid, up-front leadership ... and she provided it every single time. She departs for Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Ala, and we wish her the very best of luck and God-speed. You've done a heck of a job, Linda. Good luck at school! Stepping into her footsteps from the 60th Contracting Squadron is Lt. Col. Casey Blake. He's been doing great things for Travis already, and we look forward to seeing many more examples of excellence from him in a very important group to our base.

Next week is going to be exhilarating for Team Travis as many of you will take advantage of the Fourth of July holiday. I want to wish everyone a fun but safe Independence Day weekend. Fireworks are thrilling and exciting, but they can also be very, very dangerous. Please handle these items with extreme care. Let me remind you now too, that we don't get much rain this time of year, and our grasslands are extremely dry ... it doesn't take many pictures on TV to realize how devastating a fire can be. If you're going to use fireworks, only use legitimate and approved products under constant adult supervision. Remember, fireworks are illegal on base and in Solano County. However, many of the cities in Solano County will be hosting firework displays you can take your family and friends to watch. Be smart and take care of each other.

Enjoy the freedoms of this great nation ... that you work so hard to defend and provide!

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ON THE COVER: Travis celebrates promotion. See Pages 9, 20 & 21.



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(Above), Stephen Byrd, 11, defends the goal during the Youth Center's British soccer camp June 21. Byrd is a sixth grader at Travis Elementary School. (Right), J.R. Capili, 14, uses his dribbling skills during the mock World Cup Championship at the Youth Center's British soccer camp. Capili is a sophomore at Vanden High School.



British soccer scores big with Travis youth

60th Services Squadron

The Youth Center recently invited British soccer coaches from the Challenger Sports program to conduct an educational soccer camp for Travis kids. Thirty-five children from ages 3 to 18 took part in the one-week camp from June 17 to 21.

"The kids really had a good time and showed definite improvement. They are ready for soccer season," said Youth Center sports director William Crockett. "We want to keep offering these kinds of programs at Travis."

Coaches Andy Shaw and Aaron Winfield, both from England, taught the soccer camp for the first time at Travis. They emphasized teamwork, effort and sportsmanship instead of the competitive side of the game. They helped the kids work on basic skills like passing and dribbling as well as advanced game situations.

With soccer registration beginning Monday, and the season just around the corner, these kids have a little time to practice their new techniques.

The children learned more than soccer skills. To educate the youth about the world around them, the coaches named each team after a region of the world, the regions then playing each other in a mock World Cup Championship. The team not only had to know where the region was, but also researched the countries in that area. For example, the Pacific Islanders team learned about Fiji, Samoa, Tonga and Guam.

To thank the coaches for their work with the Travis youth, Maj. Marcus Bass, 60th Services Squadron commander, on behalf of 60th Support Group Commander Col. Scott Streifert, presented each coach with a support group coin on the final day of camp.

Challenger Sports' British Soccer is a summer program that employs more than 380 coaches throughout the Continental United States. These coaches, each with a national coaching license from Great Britain, teach more than 1,200 week-long soccer camps each season. Log onto www.challengersports.com to find out more about Challenger Sports.



Photo by J. Gilmore / American Forces Press Service

Intramural kicks and grins: The Intramural Soccer Championship game was held June 12 between the 60th Security forces Squadron and the 60th Medical Operations Squadron. SFS won by a score of 1-0. Payam "Hajji" Hajarian scored the only goal seven minutes into the game and MDOS spent the rest of the game trying to catch up. Both teams received trophies. SFS coach, Robert Tonkin accepted the championship trophy for his team and MDOS coach, Artemio Chapa accepted the runner-up trophy.

Study evaluates health effects of military service

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — An ongoing Department of Defense health study will ultimately examine health surveys submitted by 140,000 current and former servicemembers throughout two decades.

The joint-service Millennium Cohort Study will evaluate the health risks of military deployments, occupations and general military service, said Navy Cmdr. Margaret A.K. Ryan, director of the DOD Center for Deployment Health Research in San Diego.

The Millennium Cohort Study is designed to examine the health effects of military service on men and women, both during service and after they leave, Ryan said. More than 60,000 servicemembers have signed up to take part since program enrollment began in August 2001, she said.

The project "is the largest and most ambitious study of military people ever," she said, noting that participants' health would be evaluated over a 21-year period.

Ryan, principal investigator for the study, works with six other investigators. The results of the study, she said, may also be used to develop future DOD health policies.

Active and reserve component Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force members were randomly selected and invited to participate in the study, she said.

"People could not volunteer to be part of the cohort — that would be a different kind of study, like a registry project. A cohort study is a much stronger study design," Ryan said.

She said the first group, or cohort, will ultimately consist of about 100,000 enrollees. Ryan said participants enroll by filling out a paper form or signing up online at www.millenniumcohort.org.

The study will enroll another group of 20,000 people in 2004, Ryan said. The last 20,000 of the total 140,000 Millennium Cohort members will enroll by 2007.

Ryan said participants are asked to complete surveys about their basic health every three years. The surveys, she said, inquire about any acute or chronic health problems, possible exposures to toxic substances during military deployments and health-related behaviors like smoking and exercise.

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STOP LOSS

Air Force releases most specialty codes

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

Air Force personnel officials announced June 21 the release of most Air Force specialty codes from Stop-Loss, a Defense Department program designed to retain members of the armed forces beyond established dates of separation or retirement.

This announcement comes as a result of the latest review of AFSCs by the major commands, Air Staff, Air Reserve Component, Secretariat and the Air Force Personnel Center and applies across the board to both active-duty and Air Reserve Component members, said Lt. Col. Jan Middleton, chief of promotion, evaluation and separation policy at the Pentagon.

The officer career fields that are remaining on Stop-Loss restrictions are:

11S, 12S and 31P.

The enlisted career fields remaining on Stop-Loss restrictions are: 1A1X0, 1A1X1, 1C0X0, 1C0X1, 1C0X2, 1C1X0, 1C1X1, 1N0X0, 1N0X1, 1T2X0, 1T2X1, 2F0X0, 2F0X1, 3P0X0 and 3P0X1.

Middleton said Air Force members with an approved date of separation or retirement in those career fields approved for release are free to separate or retire almost immediately. Officials are developing guidance for the release of all personnel remaining on Stop Loss and expect to make the announcement to the field within the next couple of weeks, she said.

"Any released active-duty or ARC member, not mobilized or deployed, with an approved expiration of term of service, date of separation or date of retirement may be allowed to separate or

retire no earlier than July 1," Middleton said.

Active-duty and ARC members who are deployed in support of ongoing operations or are either voluntarily or involuntarily on active duty to support ongoing operations will not be released until they return from their deployments or they are demobilized.

"Since Stop Loss was first implemented, the Air Force's exit plans have called for a gradual drawdown of the number of affected AFSCs," she said. "We have tried to release as many AFSCs as possible after each review."

Stop Loss was not used as a manning tool, Middleton said.

"The determining factor for an AFSC's release was based upon the Air Force's ability to maintain sufficient forces to meet ongoing mission requirements,"

she said. "To accomplish this, we review current manning and authorizations, the number of people deployed for operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, the number of Air Reserve Component people mobilized and the overall health of the career fields."

However, Stop-Loss waivers have been and still are available, and may be granted based on specific circumstances, she said.

"We understand that many people and their families have had to put their plans on hold since Stop Loss was first implemented," said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche. "I just want everyone to know that the Air Force and this nation are grateful for your service and the sacrifices you have made to keep us safe from evil."

AEF schedules remain the same

By Tech. Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

The air and space expeditionary force concept was a major topic of discussion at the recent Corona meeting in Colorado Springs, Colo., most notably on the lengths and numbers of existing AEF deployments.

Bottom line — the current AEF deployment alignment will remain the same, said the special assistant to the vice chief of staff for AEFs. This means, the 10 AEFs divided into five pairs, with 90-day temporary duty assignments for a 15-month total cycle length will not change.

"As a result of a Corona decision, the Air Force is retaining the 10 AEFs and maintaining the 90-day rotation policy to the maximum extent possible," said Maj. Gen. Timothy Peppe.

The exception to that policy would be for "stressed" career fields where some individuals, based upon current requirements, will be told to deploy as long as 179 days.

"Clearly our intent is to fix these stressed career fields as soon as possible so that the 90-day policy is a reality for all," Peppe said.

Another Corona decision involves the two air expeditionary wings, known as "911" wings, identified in the original AEF alignment.

"By Aug. 1, the resources of those AEWs will be aligned throughout the existing 10 AEFs, and they will be tasked accordingly

starting with Cycle 4 in June 2003," Peppe said. "Based upon current operational demands, it made sense to fold these two wings into existing AEF rotations."

The crisis-response need that the AEWs fulfilled will come from the current construct of AEFs starting with Cycle 4, Peppe said.

Education about AEFs should be a primary concern at all levels of the Air Force, from general officers to airmen basic, according to Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. John P. Jumper.

"The most important thing for an airman to do is to deploy on time, and we must all understand that those airmen deployed are our number one priority," Jumper said. "The Air Staff is working hard to identify and size the stressed career fields and develop short- and long-term solutions. AEF is not a hobby — it's the system."

Other Corona discussions centered around the bimonthly Major Command Vice Commander Forum, which actively works AEF issues such as building force modules, key leadership training, unit type codes and increasing the deployable population. All of these, Peppe said, contribute to properly deploying expeditionary air and space resources around the world, when and where the need arises.

"We are expeditionary," Peppe said. "We need to be ready to deploy — ready to project our forces anywhere, any time."



Coming home: OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (AFIE) -- Senior Airman Ryan Skoog, a security forces member from the Minnesota Air National Guard is hugged by his family upon returning from a deployment supporting Operation Enduring Freedom on June 14

NEWS NOTES

Changes of Command

Maj. Rohni Winters, commander of the 60th Comptroller Squadron, will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Terry Ross in a change of command ceremony scheduled for Monday at 2 p.m. in Bldg. 31. There will be a reception following the ceremony. Dress for the ceremony is uniform of the day. For more information, call 424-2251.

Maj. Lori Bass, commander of the 60th Logistics Support Squadron, will relinquish command to Maj. Robert Voegtly in a change of command ceremony scheduled for Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the LG Atrium.

Assistant needed

The 60th Air Mobility Wing Command Chief is seeking a highly motivated and outstanding staff sergeant or senior airman to fill a one-year special duty position as assistant to the 60th AMW Command Chief Master Sergeant. This is an extremely demanding and visible position within the wing and local community. As such, the members personal bearing and dress and appearance must be above reproach. The selected individual must be computer functional (Word, Excel, Powerpoint), a self-starter and be able to manage multiple highly-visible projects at the same time.

The application package must contain a letter of recommendation signed by the squadron and group commanders, last five enlisted performance reports and a record review listing (obtain from unit commander's support staff). Applicants should submit packages no later than July 19 to 60 AMW/CCC, Bldg 51, Room 213. Applicants will be interviewed in late July or early August for a start date of approximately Sept. 15. Any questions concerning this position can be directed to Command Chief Master Sgt. Dan Johnson or Staff Sgt. Jason Lowery at 424-5005.

Commissary closure

The commissary will be closed in observance of July 4. The Mini-Comm will be open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Car show

The 60th Component Repair Squadron is hosting a car show July 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost to register a vehicle is \$20 and the event is open to anyone with base access. The show is open to all cars, trucks and bikes. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Richard Krusemark at 424-2655 or 424-0257.

Wing reorganizes

Travis realigns under CSAF vision

By Capt. Kim Garbett
60th AMW Public Affairs

The official start date for the wing reorganization is Oct. 1, 2002, projecting to end Sept. 30, 2003.

This time, the Air Force will give itself a facelift, transforming current wing organizational structure by implementing a standard organization across the entire force. The reorganization is designed to align the Air Force's core competencies more directly with its wing-level organizations.

Travis and other bases Air Force wide will see all wings organized into four groups: operations, maintenance, mission support and medical. While three of the groups will be altering their squadron compositions, the medical group will remain more-or-less unchanged.

This new Standard Wing Organization, as it's called, is designed to create a more consistent structure across the entire Air Force and is therefore not dependent upon the mission of the wing, whether it's a combat, mobility, space, training wing or other, Air Force officials said.

Lt. Col. Jeff Leknes, director of staff for the 60th Air Mobility Wing, is the

project officer for changes coming to Travis. "We're in the planning stages right now," he said. "We're meeting on a regular basis to start the outline to begin implementation of the reorganization Oct. 1. It will be a very rigorous, detailed process, which will likely take 15 months to fully implement."

Leknes said the reorganization at Travis will affect several thousand people across the base. "The reorganization will hopefully improve our efficiency as a wing," he said. "Some of the more obvious alterations include the stand-down of transportation, supply and logistics plans as they are absorbed and stood up in a single squadron, to be known as the logistics readiness squadron. The operations group will be shedding responsibility for the aerial port squadron, which will soon fall under the newly formed mission support group. All maintenance personnel formerly in the operations and logistics groups will be placed into the new maintenance group."

Leknes said fundamentally, the reorganization is responding to the need to allow our leadership to focus on specific core competencies in each group. "Flying will focus on flying, maintenance will focus on maintenance, etc.," he said. At

Travis, however, he said the change would take time to implement. "Travis is the largest air mobility base in the Air Force," he stated. "This reorganization will take time, coordination and team effort. That's why we're trying to get a jump start on this now."

Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, said "The U.S. Air Force will exploit three core competencies to operate air and space weapons systems, to maintain these complex weapons systems, and enhance direct mission in support of our expeditionary, rapid reaction, contingency-based Air Force." "Therefore, as part of the Air Force transformation, we're aligning our wing organization structure to mirror these competencies."

Jumper also noted the reorganization will help the Air Force become more expeditionary and will allow training for our leaders in warfighting, maintenance and expeditionary operations. These changes are needed to further the Air Force's abilities to sustain home station operations and deploy for worldwide operations, he said.

CDCs: Ensuring adequate care for children

By Staff Sgt. Scott Leas
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

Many Air Force people are working longer hours in the wake of terrorist acts of Sept. 11. They can now rely on the Air Force to ensure the youngest members of their families have adequate care while they do their part supporting the Global War on Terrorism.

Care is now available for parents who need care beyond their usual requirements. This care is provided free of charge in contracted family child care homes on base.

"The Air Force Family Child Care Program plays a significant role in supporting mission readiness and increasing the retention rate of airmen," said Beverly Houston, Air Force Services at the Pentagon. "One of the hallmarks of the FCC system is its ability to tailor care to the unique needs of the chil-

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— Beverly Houston
Pentagon, Air Force Services

dren and their families. With people working longer hours during these times of increased OPSTEMPO and unstable shifts, a definite need arose to provide quality childcare for these families. This is why we now have the Extended Duty Child Care Program."

"These extended hours are designed to provide childcare that is more accessible to military people as they perform their mission during contingency of high OPSTEMPO operation. Parents may need extended care hours because

they have to work longer hours, evening, weekends or are experiencing temporary shift changes," said Bette Doelger, Child Development and Youth Specialist with AMC Services.

To be eligible for this program, at least one parent must be a member of the U.S. military (active duty, Air Force Reserve or Guard on active duty) or DoD civilian employee. The program is an Air Force funded initiative, currently with no additional parent fee for this service.

Doelger said that AMC

currently has a minimum of two providers at each base providing this special service with a total of 29 providers command-wide. Since Sept. 11, the program has provided more than 6,000 hours of childcare.

"The Extended Child Care Program is administered through the Family Member Programs Flight," said Doelger. "FCC coordinators ensure childcare providers are screened, trained and licensed to provide childcare. They also monitor homes and conduct inspections during extended hours of operation that must meet all requirements of the Air Force FCC Program. Care providers are also instructed to be sensitive to the needs of children whose parents are working additional hours or deployed."

People interested in the program may contact the installation FCC coordinator at 424-4585.

Summertime increases airborne pests

Courtesy of the 60th Medical Group

For those people who have recently endured a rainy California winter, the call of the outdoors beckons as the thermometer rises and the days lengthen. Rains have yielded a bumper crop of mosquitoes that will join the ranks of ticks and other stinging insects looking to make a meal of those people eager to enjoy the warmth of the sun and the fresh air. Happily, a few simple measures can lead to effective prevention, and when needed, there are simple treatments to lessen the discomfort and accelerate healing from insect bites.

People should begin by reducing the risk of mosquito infestation in their homes. Standing water in eaves, troughs and pools of water are ideal breeding grounds that can be eliminated. Surprisingly, mosquitoes are also harbored in lawns. Keeping the grass short is a very effective measure to diminish their numbers.

People should look as well for wasps and other stinging insects and their nests under the eaves, beneath decks and where pipes or wires enter homes.

There are several protective measures people can take when going out to keep insect bites at a minimum. Wear light-colored clothing, because it's easier to see

insects when they are on you. People should cover as much of their bodies with clothing as possible. Wearing hats provides protection from the sun and stinging insects.

When hiking in the forest or tall grass, the prevention of tick bites is paramount. Wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants with the cuffs tucked into socks is a good solution. In addition, conduct a careful body check afterward to look for ticks, paying special attention to any part of the body covered with hair and any skin folds.

People who discover a tick attached to their body should remove it as soon as possible to reduce the possibility of infection. The tick can be removed by grasping it with fine-pointed tweezers and pulling it gently, but firmly straight out. Insecticides, lighted matches or gasoline are ineffective and should not be used to remove ticks.

They should then wash their hands and apply antiseptic to the affected area. People who develop a rash, fever or other symptoms after being bitten by a tick should consult their physician.

Insect repellents can be an effective way to prevent problems with biting insects.

DEET, n-diethyl-m-toluamide, is still the most effective chemical that is safe

for skin application to prevent both tick and mosquito bites. A lotion is better than a spray, because the application can be better controlled. People should not let small children apply the lotion themselves and they should keep it off the children's hands. Keep it away from the mouth, lips and eyes as well. A single application is all that is necessary unless one has been swimming or actively perspiring.

Citronella is an alternative to DEET, but it is only 10 to 15 percent as effective as DEET and may require frequent reapplication. For picnics and backyard gatherings, coils and repellent candles are a safe alternative to commercially available sprays that aerosolize chemicals.

Treatment for mosquito bites can include a topical antihistamine, a cool, moist compress or a bath in lukewarm water.

An oral, over-the-counter antihistamine such as Benadryl may be effective. Watch for secondary infections at the location of bites from excessive scratching, indicated by worsening redness, swelling and a cloudy discharge. If this occurs, begin by washing with soap and water and consider a topical antibiotic before seeing the doctor.

Stings from bees and wasps are

potentially more serious and need to be cared for. If a stinger remains in the wound afterward, carefully attempt to remove it. Follow this with a cool compress and a topical antihistamine if needed. People may want to use anti-inflammatory medication if the pain or swelling is significant.

The risk of Lyme disease in California is low, but exists nonetheless. According to the Center for Disease Control, in 1999, there were 139 documented cases of Lyme disease in the state. If people are traveling to other parts of the state, check with the local health department ahead of time to determine the local incidence of the disease. There is a typical target-shaped rash that is the first sign of Lyme disease. This is usually associated with a flu-like illness in the early stages, and with progression, may involve joint and heart problems.

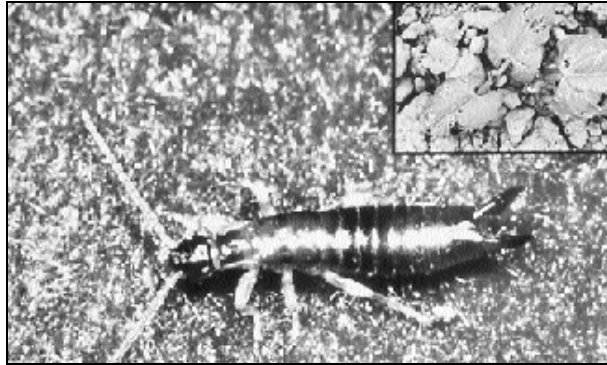
Ticks in California carry other germs that cause diseases such as ehrlichiosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and babesiosis. The first line of defense against tick-borne diseases is taking proper personal protective measures to avoid tick bites. People should use repellents registered for use against ticks and should follow directions on the container and be extra careful when applying to children.

EARWIGS: Tips to keep infesting pests at bay

60th Civil Engineering Squadron

The pest control shop in the 60th Civil Engineering Squadron has been swamped with calls about earwigs or "pincher bugs" the past couple of weeks. These bugs, in spite of their threatening appearance, are beneficial because they feed on other insects. The term "earwig" is believed to have originated from the belief that this insect will enter the ears of people while they slept and bore into the brain. But the truth is that they are harmless to humans. They can be annoying though because they gather in lawns and invade buildings in large numbers. The forceps-like cerci are both offensive and defensive weapons to capture prey.

These creatures are scavengers but mainly feed on plants. Therefore the first step in control is to remove unessential plant debris, mulch and boards from around buildings. Also, rain downspouts placed poorly and broken irrigation systems contribute to moist areas, which appeal to nesting for female earwigs. For chemical controls, granules and dust formulation available at the garden section of most hardware stores have been proven to be highly effective for controlling these creatures. These can be applied as a perimeter treatment or in areas most frequented by earwigs, such as around trees, utility poles, wood piles and rocks. For more information call Senior Airman Dina Giralt at the pest control shop at 424-3033.



Courtesy photo

Earwigs cause little damage to gardens and homes but can be a pest around the house. Controlling these pest can be accomplished with inexpensive commercial insecticide. Call the pest control shop to learn more ways to rid the home of these harmless insects.

Military Personnel and Immediate Family

To reach members of your family in times of emergency need, call the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Service Center toll-free at (877) 272-7337.

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Bottling patriotism

Taking our nation's pride with us

ViewPoint

Tech. Sgt. Paul Fazzini
436th Airlift Wing Public Affairs, Dover AFB, De.

When considering the core value of "Service Before Self," patriotism is almost automatic. But it's really not. You have to want to take your teammate's and your nation's patriotism with you. It's your choice and yours alone.

While traveling across the country, or even while in their hometown, most people would agree there is an incredible amount of patriotism being displayed through the flying of our nation's flag. Since Sept. 11, that patriotism has been more apparent to me everywhere I turn, but never more so than in the men and women I serve with here at the Eagle Wing.

I've always thought my level of "gung ho" was higher than your average airman. I always enjoyed getting "caught" during retreat, saluting both senior officers and the most junior second lieutenants. I even enjoy calling those brand new airmen sir or ma'am, and then stand when they enter my office. While they are new to my Air Force, they are professionals and deserve the respect simply because they made the choice to serve this great country.

On a recent trip aboard one of Dover's C-5s to the country of Kyrgyzstan, located in the former Soviet Union, I had several opportunities to speak with the aircrew members, both officer and enlisted. I found what they do for our nation, far and away, exceeds my level of patriotism. I'm not saying that as a journalist and former maintenance troop my job is less significant, but they really impressed me with their focus, resolve to serve and warrior spirit.

As I spent more time with them — going through the motions of crew rest, eating when you can, sleeping when you can and patiently waiting for the alert call to happen — each brought a different experience level to the table. One loadmaster was on his very first mission overseas, while another was on one of many since beginning his flying career during the latter stages of the Vietnam War — more than 20 years on board the C-5 alone.

But, it was during my conversation with a flight engineer that I realized something. The flags that wave in front of homes, businesses and schools may become tattered and torn from the elements, but our servicemembers — these aircrew members — continue to serve without getting torn apart by the daily grind. And, they never seem to waiver in their commitments — their patriotism.

That engineer told me his patriotism is the way it is because he's carrying our nation's patriotism, more specifically your patriotism, wherever he flies. He's taking it to foreign lands where other servicemembers are fighting this war against terrorism.

Are you taking his patriotism to your job? I may never get another opportunity to fly with these individuals again, but they can count on me to press on, to represent them in all I do.

When considering the core value of "Service Before Self," patriotism is almost automatic. But it's really not. You have to want to take your teammate's and your nation's patriotism with you. It's your choice and yours alone.

Water Conservation starts with YOU

According to the Military Family Housing Handout, residents are reminded to conserve water by only watering lawns on specific days.

If your address ends in an odd number, water your lawn on odd-numbered days.

If your address ends in an even number, water your lawn on even-numbered days.

Water lawns between the hours of 5 to 10 a.m. and 7 to 10 p.m. for 15 minutes.

For more information, contact the Housing Office at 424-1476 or 60th Civil Engineer Utilities shop at 424-8868.



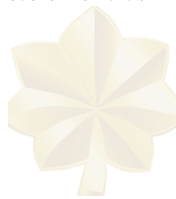
Use or lose military leave

Accrued leave in excess of 60 days is lost at the end of each fiscal year (Sept. 30), unless the Special Leave Accrual provisions apply. Commanders and supervisors should encourage their members to take at least one period of 14 consecutive days or more and use the 30 days accrued each fiscal year. Call the Military Personnel Flight for SLA guidelines.

Travis captains earn promotion to major

60th Air Mobility Wing
 Douglas Magoffin
 60th Operations Support Squadron
 Donald Hoover
 Charles Haley
 21st Airlift Squadron
 Andrew Bracken
 Michael Grismer
 Timrek Heisler
 Van Krailo
 Jacob Miller
 Thomas Murphy
 Dennis Primoli
 22nd Airlift Squadron
 David Banholzer
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 Christopher Rogowski
 9th Air Refueling Squadron
 Joel Jackson
 William McGuffey
 Gregory Robertson
 15th Air Force
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 615th Air Mobility Operations Group

James Pompano
 Scott Shigeta
 AMC Band of the Golden West
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 Alane Durand
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 Beth Harrison
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 Brent Mitchell
 60th Medical Support Squadron
 Edwin Wright
 Lead Agent, TRICARE Region 10
 Rodney McCurdy
 HSR10
 Catherine Tarabini



Coming clean, final flight: ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. (AFPN) -- Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Jim Finch gets the traditional hosing down by his wife, Pat, and son, Brian, after his final flight as the 13th chief master sergeant of the Air Force. Finch took his final flight aboard an F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 113th Fighter Wing Tuesday.

Tech Sgt. Joe M. M. / AFN

Helping out on the home front

Local youth group lends Team Travis a helping hand



(Top) Andrew Brock and Alex Andaluz pull weeds as part of a community volunteer project to help families of deployed members. (Right) Lindsey Muzzio details a car for a wife of a deployed servicemember



Photos by Airman First Class Alice Moore / 60th AMW Public Affairs

By Airman 1st Class Alice Moore
60th AMW Public Affairs

Forty youth from various congregations of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints came together Saturday to make Travis a part of their service project for their youth conference held June 21 through Saturday.

"These kids have volunteered their time to try and do their part to help with the war on terrorism," said Maj. Preston Williamson, Headquarters, Air Mobility Command, Detachment 1 who is also a district youth leader for the LDS congregations.

During the conference, the youth took some time out to fellowship, said Susan Walker, LDS, youth leader. After the conference, the youth select a service project to give back to the community, said Walker.

This year the youth had three service projects to choose from. Out of approximately 150 participants, 40 signed up to help families of deployed servicemembers living on base,

said Chaplain (Capt) Kleet Barclay, flight line minister for the 60th Air Mobility Wing. The volunteers offered their services to do various jobs around the homes.

"All of the participants here chose this project in particular out of the other two," said Barclay. "This is how you know the volunteers really wanted to be here. This all came from their hearts."

"I volunteered for this project because I thought of this as a good way to give back to those who have already given so much to all of us," said Lindsey Muzzio, youth conference participant. "I always get a good feeling when I help someone."

"We have great kids who are patriotic," said Walker. "It's a blessing to have our kids wanting to serve these families who have already been giving so much."

Overall, the project involved 45 homes in the housing area. The project was scheduled from 8 a. m. to noon. Once the

youth arrived on base they split up into smaller groups and began working on the different homes on their list, said Barclay.

"This is such a wonderful thing for these kids to come out and help," said Wendy Housel, base housing resident whose spouse is currently deployed.

"It's been hard without my husband," said Housel. "With four kids, it's nice to get help like this."

Upon the completion of the conference, Barclay said all of the youth who participated on Saturday enjoyed their time on Travis and believed their efforts were worthwhile.

"The military community has always been such a giving community," said Barclay. "We're all so used to the aspect of 'Service Before Self.' Sometimes it's hard for us to accept others to give back to us. However, I think this project benefited all of us. All of the parties involved seemed to have taken something positive from this."

NEED A RIDE?

If you are in no condition to drive, use the Dial-a-Ride program. Telephone numbers for participating taxi companies are:

Fairfield Taxi
(707) 422-5555
Yellow Cab of Vacaville
(707) 446-1144
Yellow Cab of Sacramento
(916) 442-4696



CALLING A CAB IS A BETTER OPTION THAN THE ALTERNATIVES.

AF's top uniformed lawyer explains Article 88

Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — A May 26 letter to the editor in a civilian publication sent by an Air Force officer expressing his personal opinions about the president of the United States has called into question freedom of speech in the military.

The letter accused President Bush of knowing about the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks beforehand and allowing them to take place for political reasons. At issue was whether the officer's letter violated Article 88 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Article 88 states, "any commissioned

officer who uses contemptuous words against the president, the vice president, the secretary of defense, the secretary of a military department, the secretary of transportation, or the governor or legislature of any state, territory, commonwealth, or possession in which he is on duty or present shall be punished as a court-martial may direct."

"The purpose of Article 88 is to maintain good order and discipline among the force by prohibiting the use of contemptuous language or acts that would tend to undermine the authority of (our civilian leaders)," said Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Fiscus, the judge

advocate general of the Air Force.

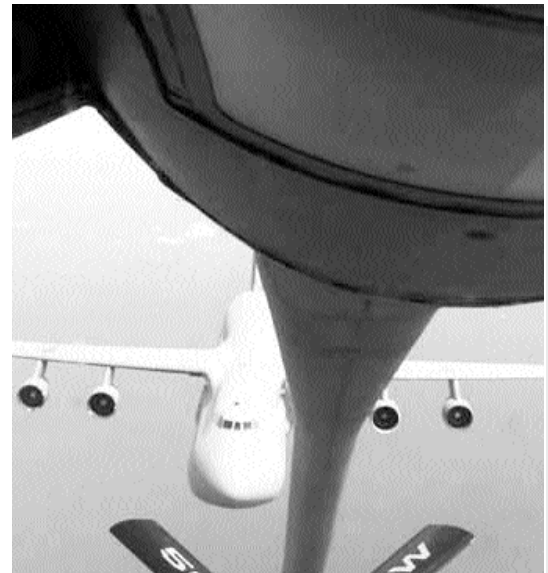
Although the article does not specifically address statements made by enlisted members, Air Force Instruction 51-902 does prohibit airmen and noncommissioned officers from making similar remarks, Fiscus said. The same instruction also defines what political activities are and are not permissible by uniformed members of the Air Force.

The line between a permissible expression of opinion and a violation of Article 88 is generally drawn on the basis of the forum in which the officer speaks and the content of what the officer says, Fiscus said.

Whether speakers

identify themselves as military officers or not makes no difference, he added, nor does the opinion's truthfulness — or lack thereof. Opinions expressed in purely private conversations are not usually considered violations.

"The Constitution empowered Congress to develop laws governing the land and naval forces (and now also air forces)," Fiscus said. "Congress enacted the UCMJ in fulfillment of this responsibility. Article 88 itself is a well-crafted compromise of our freedom of expression and the need to ensure good order and discipline in the military."



C-5 takes on fuel : (AFIE) — A KC-135 prepares to refuel a C-5 Galaxy over the Pacific Ocean in support of Operation Enduring Freedom

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Human Resources Services-New MEO component of MSS starts Monday

By Lt. Col. Katherine Hahn
60th Mission Support Squadron commander

Team Travis members will notice a restructuring of Base Education Center, Military Personnel Flight and Civilian Personnel Flight functions effective Monday. The result of an A-76 study that led to implementation of a Most Efficient Organization, the restructuring creates an all-civilian workforce for the following programs: education services, military formal training, base on-the-job training, military records, awards and decorations, military personnel systems management, military testing and civilian personnel training.

Additionally, these functions will be organizationally realigned to fall under the umbrella of a Human Resources Services division, an MEO component of the Mission Support Squadron. The MEO capital-

izes on the changes and challenges facing the Air Force by creating an organization better suited and more flexible to meet and satisfy all performance requirements document and customer requirements.

With the transition comes a few logistical changes such as the relocation of offices. Base Training, Military Formal Training and Civilian Personnel Training will move from the Military Personnel Flight, Bldg 381, to the Base Education Center, Bldg 249, Bay B-1 between Monday through 8. Telephone numbers will remain the same for these offices. Military Personnel Systems Management, Awards and Decorations, Military Testing and Military Records will remain in Building 381. For more information on the MEO transition, call Stephanie Beebe, at 424-1735.

Summertime wear of the military uniform

As the temperature rises in California, many personnel will begin rolling BDU sleeves to keep cool. However, there are things sleeve rollers should be aware of:

- » The outer shirt material must cover the inner material to give a crisp matching material affect.
- » Sleeves must be folded within one inch or touching the forearm when bent at a 90 degree angle.
- » The chevron must be fully visible when the sleeve is rolled.

These references can be found in the Air Force Instruction 36-2903, table 2.2 Dress and Appearance.

SAVING / From Page 24

By Master Sgt. Mary McHale
92nd Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

It could be called punishment as a privilege — the privilege to stay in the U.S. Air Force.

But at Fairchild it's called the Remotivation Program— where most participants endure a 30-day stay in an environment akin to basic training that seeks to re-introduce them to basic military standards and procedures.

Given by commanders as part of Article 15 punishment, airmen in the program participate in a regimented schedule — from reveille at 4:45 a.m. to Taps at 9 p.m. with a rigid schedule of activities in between.

"Our biggest goal here is to re-blue these airmen who've lost something between basic training, technical school and here," said Staff Sgt. Chad Lavalley, program superintendent. "Commanders only choose this option for individuals they want to keep, ones they know who have potential but made a mistake."

That's reflected in the program's motto, "Because we care."

"That's the whole motivation behind the program, the program's supervisors and cadre put in the long hours because they truly do care," said Master Sgt. Richard Kreutz.

Currently the isochronal dock inspection chief, he was formerly the individual tasked in 2000 to create the program, namely to provide commanders an additional option of corrective measures. He chose Lavalley to assist him.

Kreutz started building the program with a

visit to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas to learn from an existing program there. Given a three-month suspense, the current program emerged from detailed notes and videotape with changes to fit Fairchild's vision — a vision that includes active counseling participation from program supervisors, unit supervisors, commanders and base agencies to include mental health and the chaplaincy.

And as the program is regional, it also currently serves McChord Air Force Base, Wash., Travis Air Force Base, Calif. and Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D. Kreutz said he credits the program's success to the active involvement of several base agencies that helped with program logistics to commanders, first sergeants and supervisors.

But while it does offer commanders an additional correctional tool, the program is by no means automatic, a common misperception according to Lavalley.

"Interestingly enough, I'm now hearing that folks feel they are guaranteed a shot at the Remotivation Program before separation proceedings can be considered," said Maj. Jeffrey Kromer, commander, 92nd Communications Squadron. "Nothing is further from the truth. Remotivation is and always has been a commander's tool for those who we consider worth keeping in the Air Force. It is by no means a 'right.' I personally use the tool very conservatively and only for those I want serving in my Air Force in the future."

"I've had several squadron members partici-



C-130s battle flames: One of the 302nd Airlift Wing's Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System-equipped C-130 Hercules aircraft is resupplied with water from a nearby bladder. The wing and its aircraft are currently attacking the largest wildfire in Colorado's history.

Looking for information or telephone numbers?

Call the Base Operator
at 424-1110.



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The address is www.publicdebt.treas.gov Find out about maturity periods, tax benefits and the values of your Savings Bonds.

To submit a story,
e-mail the Tailwind at
tailwind@travis.af.mil
or call 424-2355.

Fish for fun, prizes

By Linda Mann
60th Services Squadron

For the last three years the banks of the Duck Pond have been lined with children catching big mouth bass at the annual fishing derby. This year's event is part of the ATWIND Family Fun Day on July 12, which has been declared a duty location by Col. Dave Lefforge, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander.

"My buddy and I started the event back in 1999 as part of the Year of the Family. We thought it was a great way to bring families together," said derby organizer Staff Sgt. Daniel Coombs.

Each year the derby has brought more prizes, more fish, more volunteers and more kids—over 200 children all fishing at once. Children age 3 to 15 compete in age groups for the most total pounds caught, with the grand prize awarded to the child who catches the biggest fish. Children under the age of 12 must have adult supervision.

"This year we are doing prizes a little differently. Instead of winning a specific prize, the children will be awarded tickets to the ATWIND prize store. They can trade in their tickets for prizes they really want from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the ATWIND Family Fun

Day picnic located in the grassy area between the Fitness Center and Westwind Inn," said Stephen Pierce, organizer of the ATWIND picnic. "It's kind of like Scandia or Chuck E. Cheese."

Each participant receives a frisbee and tickets for the ATWIND prize store. First, second and third prizewinners in each age group will receive a medal and extra tickets to the ATWIND store.

Bait will be provided, but each child needs to bring his or her own fishing pole and tackle—barbless hooks are recommended for safety. The derby starts at 7 a.m. and people will start taking their places about 6:30 a.m.

Catch-and-release is encouraged, but each fisherman will be allowed to take home up to three fish at the end of the day.

The event is free. Children can register in advance at the Youth Center, Child Development Centers, Teen Zone and Travis Bowling Center or they may register at the derby.

Donations are accepted and volunteers are needed to help children with baiting hooks, weighing fish, signing in and more. To volunteer or offer a donation, call 424-2666 or e-mail name and duty phone to daniel.coombs@travis.af.mil

Sailing away the 4th of July

Services offers fun in the sun for holiday weekend

By Linda Mann
60th Services Squadron

Independence Day celebrations would not be complete without family barbecues, fireworks and sailboat races on the San Francisco Bay—at least that is how the Travis Sailing Center celebrates. This year the entire Travis community is invited to participate in the Sailing Center's Fourth of July party at the north end of the Golden Gate Bridge.

The event begins at noon and includes games, sailboat racing, barbeque and free sailboat rides until 6 p.m. Guests are invited to sit outside and enjoy the annual fireworks display on the Bay at dark.

"The Sailing Center has fun activities like this year-round including the Crab Feed in February, the New Year's Party, the St. Patrick's Day party, and lots more that everyone at Travis can come to," said Travis Sailing Center manager Gary Howell.

The Travis Sailing Center is home to the Presidio Yacht Club and used to be owned by the Army, but Travis took over the operation when the Presidio closed and added it to the

many recreational options for Travis personnel.

Event though it is off base, the TSC is considered part of Travis and is a great place for squadron parties, meetings and casual get-togethers. These gatherings can be held in the dining room downstairs with a full-service kitchen available for use or upstairs in Mike's Place bar and grill with the pool table, wood stove and outdoor patio.

Another great location for a get-together or a family outing is on one of their sailboats with the Rent-A-Skipper program. For less than \$100, four people can sail the Bay on a 75-foot yacht for a four-hour tour with a certified skipper. Larger yachts are also available.

For those who would rather be the skipper, the TSC offers monthly sailing classes and boat rental to certified sailors with a Presidio Yacht Club membership. Prices are affordable and classes only take a few days.

All personnel attached to Travis and their families are eligible to use the facility and take classes.

The Fourth of July event is



Courtesy photo

Watch sailboat races, play games, win prizes, eat barbeque and go for a free sailboat ride at the Travis Sailing Center on July 4.

\$5 per person and each participant will receive an ATWIND game piece and an ATWIND Passport stamp. To recognize the 10th Anniversary of Air Mobility Command, the TSC's 1992 Days celebration includes 92-cent sodas and select draft beer.

For more information call the Travis Sailing Center at (415) 332-2319.

No 'butts' about it

Fire Prevention NCO outlines safety tips for disposing of smoking material

By Master Sgt. Jerry Clark
Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention

In just the past two weeks, the Travis Fire Department has responded to five landscaping fires started by the careless discarding of cigarette butts.

Historically, this is not an unusual trend for Travis. However, the potential for major fire damage makes it critical that base personnel nip this trend in the butt. Before people forego using their ashtray, or passing by the buttcan, consider this: In 2001, California suffered tens of millions of dollars in fire damage, almost 1/4 of that was a direct result of fires started by the discarding of smoking materials.

The following tips will help reduce this alarming statistic:

» Never throw smoking materials out the car window.

Cigarette butts can smolder for up to three hours, and can be blown for hundreds of yards into combustible materials. Always use the vehicle ashtray, and make sure all butts are completely out before throwing them into the trash.

» In and around base buildings, smoke only in designated areas, and use butt cans with self-closing lids. Cans should be emptied often and thoroughly wetted down prior to placing the contents in the trash container.

» Make sure all butt cans are properly marked, and kept clear of trash.

» Do not discard cigarette butts in landscaped areas. The shredded bark used around the base is extremely dry and very combustible.

» Keep smoking areas free from excess grass and other vegetation, and ensure accumulated trash is picked up and disposed of.

» When camping, always use a metal container filled with water to dispose of smoking materials, or completely field strip the butts.

We won't be able to prevent all fires, but by following the simple steps above, everyone can help reduce the threat of fire, and ensure the safety of Travis Team members.

For more information concerning any fire prevention topic, call the Travis Fire Prevention Office at 424-3683, or visit them on the Travis Intranet at <http://w3.travis.af.mil/60ces/fire/default.htm>.

Fourth of July Safety Tips

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Office of the State Fire Marshal has the following Fourth of July safety tips:

- » Always read directions.
- » Always have an adult present.
- » Use fireworks outdoors only.
- » Never use fireworks near dry grass or other flammable materials.
- » Light one at a time.
- » Keep a safe distance.
- » Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- » Never experiment with fireworks.
- » Have a bucket of water and a hose handy.
- » Never attempt to re-light or "fix" fireworks.
- » Don't wear loose clothes.
- » Never carry fireworks in your pockets.
- » Use only State Fire Marshal approved fireworks.
- » Parents are liable for any damage or injuries caused by their children using fireworks.

Travis not immune to dangerous wildfires

Fire Prevention Office offers advice

By Master Sgt. Jerry Clark
Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention

When people hear of wildfires, most picture the large blazes that strike the state during the hot summer months.

However, the danger of wildfire is as much a reality on Travis as it is in civilian communities.

Fire in dried vegetation and dead grass, even as short as a couple of inches, can result in a fast moving blaze with a high potential for damage.

The Travis Fire Prevention Office offers the following tips to create a "defensible space" around your home to help protect your family and property:

» Remove all flammable materials, such as heavy brush, weeds and woodpiles within 30 feet of all structures.

» Keep grasses and weeds

cut down to at least one inch. This is especially important if you live in units along open fields.

» Maintain plants and trees by regularly watering, and by removing all dead branches, leaves and needles.

» Landscape with fire resistant plants and trees.

» Remember, open burning of refuse and cut vegetation is strictly prohibited on Travis.

The key to summertime fire safety is common sense. Spending a little time and sweat preparing for the wildfire season can save you from heartache.

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Announcements**Graduates honored**

The Frame Shop in the Skills Development Center is honoring 2002 high school or college graduates by offering a 10 percent discount for framing diplomas, invitations, tassels, photographs, etc. Classes of 1997 through 2001 receive five percent off. This offer ends July 31. Call 424-2929 for details.

July blood drives

The Travis blood bank is holding blood drives from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 9, 16, 23 and 30 at the David Grant Medical Center blood donor center on the second floor. ATWIND tickets will be given to everyone who donates. For information, call the blood bank at 423-5342.

Teen day on the Bay

Members of the Teen Center and other youth 14 to 17 years old are invited to spend a day at the Travis Sailing Center July 15. The bus leaves the Teen Zone at 6 a.m. for breakfast at the Sailing Center. The teens will attend an orientation and go sailing on San Francisco Bay. The bus will return to the Teen Zone after lunch. The event is free and spaces are limited. Call the Youth Center at 424-5392 or the Teen Zone at 424-3131 to sign up.

Services**Today**

▲ Traditions dining at the Delta Breeze Club will not be available tonight due to a special function, but both the enlisted and officers' lounges are open and serving food from the casual dining menu.

Saturday

▲ Children 10 and older may tour Angel Island state park by bicycle with the Youth Center. The cost is \$15 per person. Meet at the Youth Center at 7:30 a.m. to load bikes, the bus leaves at 8 a.m. Call 424-5392 for more information.

Saturday and Sunday

▲ Go whitewater rafting down the American River with the Outdoor Adventure Program. The \$60 fee includes transportation. Call 424-5240 for details.

Sunday

▲ Visit Pier 39 and Fisherman's Wharf with Outdoor Recreation from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Transportation is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children. Call 424-0970 for more information.

Monday

▲ Register for the youth soccer season and the School Age Program at the Youth Center. Call 424-5392 for information.

Tuesday

▲ Preschool storytime at the Mitchell Memorial library is from 9:30 to 10 a.m.

▲ Free Salsa dance lessons at the DBC are from 7 to 8 p.m. Dancing to a Latin beat continues until 10 p.m. with door prizes, dance contests and drink specials.

Wednesday

▲ There is unlimited bowling from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Travis Bowling Center for \$5, including shoe rental.

Thursday

▲ Attend the Independence Day party from noon to 6 p.m. at the Travis Sailing Center. The \$5 admission includes a barbecue meal, free sailboat rides, watching the sailboat race at noon and fireworks on the Bay after dark. There will also be games, prizes and 92-cent beverages.

Family Support**Monday**

▲ Spouse employment orientation is from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Family Support Center for newly arriving spouses, spouses returning to work or spouses wishing to explore new career opportunities. Tap into the Career Focus networking, look at hundreds of job opportunities and learn about the career development classes at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

Wednesday

▲ WIC representatives will be at the FSC from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call 435-2200.

Thursday and Friday

▲ The FSC Airman's Attic will be closed.

Weekly

▲ Do a self-help job search at the FSC. A variety of information services are available, including vacancy announcements, brochures, a number of monthly and weekly business publications, computer programs, DoD Job Search, Federal Jobs, and America's Job Bank, Internet access and other transition employment-related services.

▲ Planning a road trip within the U.S. can be accomplished quickly and efficiently with the help of Tripmaker and Street



Kindergarten summer school: *There are a few openings in the full-day kindergarten summer program at Child Development Center 1. This class is for children who will be attending first grade in the upcoming school year. The program includes field trips to go swimming, bowling, skating and more. Fees are based on total family income. Call 424-0341.*

Finder computer programs available at the FSC. The relocation staff will help find the quickest, shortest and alternative routes to any destination as well as printed directions and maps to take along. For details, call 424-2486.

▲ The FSC can certify typing speed free of charge. For more information, call 424-2486.

▲ Beginning in August, the FSC is offering a new job skills training program for military spouses, the Spouses Trained and Ready program. A self-paced computer course, through a partnership with the Regional Occupational Program, is also offered. The computer program includes Microsoft Office and certificates are given for keyboarding and typing. The course runs from three to six months, depending on the pace of the student. The classes are Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Upon completion, each STAR candidate will attend three days of classes at the FSC to learn resume and interviewing skills and how to dress professionally. Upon graduation, each STAR candidate will meet with one of the community partners for local employment opportunities. Sign up at the FSC or call 424-2486 for more information.

Family Advocacy**Dad Boot Camp**

The Dad Boot Camp program is looking for a few good men. This is a new program in which veteran fathers (fathers who bring their babies) show rookie fathers (first-time fathers-to-be) the ropes of fatherhood. The program is for men only. The

program is currently recruiting for coaches and veteran and rookie dads. For more information, call 423-5168

Anger management

The Family Advocacy Program invites you to participate in a five-week anger management course to learn effective ways to manage anger, communicate and listen more effectively. This class is held Mondays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the David Grant Medical Center. Active-duty members and their spouses are encouraged to attend. Seating is limited. Call the FA office at 423-5168 to register.

Playgroups

Playgroups for parents and their children are held at the Chapel One Annex on First Street. The Toddlers playgroup is held Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. for children 18 months to 3 years of age. Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. is the Time For Us playgroup for children 3 to 5 years of age. Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. is the Rattles To Raspberries playgroup for infants to 18 months old. Parents can network with other parents while their children enjoy crafts, guest speakers, music and free play time. Registration is not necessary. For more information, call 423-5168.

Chapel**Catholic services**

▲ Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m., communion service or Mass, Chapel Center.

▲ Thursday, noon, Catholic communion service, DGMCC Chapel.

▲ Saturday, 4 to 4:45 p.m., confessions, Chapel One.

▲ Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel One.

▲ Sunday Mass, 9 a.m., Chapel One.

▲ Sunday, 9 a.m., children's liturgy of the Word, Chapel One.

▲ Sunday Mass, 12:30 p.m., Chapel Center.

Protestant services

▲ Friday, noon, 30-minute worship service, DGMCC Chapel.

▲ Sunday, 8 a.m., community, praise and worship service, Chapel Center.

▲ Sunday, 10:30 a.m., community worship service, Chapel Center. Nursery class for kids 3 months to 3 years.

▲ Sunday, 11 a.m., community Gospel service, Chapel One.

Jewish services

First Fridays, 7 p.m., Sabbath services and third Saturdays, 10 a.m. Sabbath services are temporarily meeting off-base. Call 424-3217 for locations.

Inside Out services

Sundays, 5 p.m., contemporary worship, Chapel Center.

Wicca classes

Classes are held at various locations and times due to deployments. E-mail Beltane@prodigy.net for current information.

VBS

Vacation Bible School is for children ages 3 through the sixth grade. The chapel's VBS program will be held at Chapel Center through June 28 from 9 a.m. to noon. Call 424-4710.

Officials release promotion data for techs, masters

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Air Force officials selected 6,340 of 19,081 eligible technical sergeants for promotion to master sergeant, a 33.23 percent selection rate; and 11,571 of 34,530 eligible staff sergeants for promotion to technical sergeant, a 33.51 percent selection rate.

The master sergeant selection for the 02E7 cycle dropped 5.75 percent from last year, while this year's technical sergeant rate for the 02E6 cycle changed little from last year's 33.39 percent.

Air Force officials will release both promotion lists the first duty hour June 27 (June 28 for those units across the international date line).

The complete list of selectees will be posted to the Air Force Personnel Center's Web page at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil> by 6 p.m. CDT on June 28.

"We are beginning to see tech and master sergeant promotion rates level off as we near the goal of increasing the 'top five' enlisted grades from 48 to 56 percent (of the enlisted force) — a goal we'll reach by 2003," said Chief Master Sgt. Mark Billingsley, enlisted promotions branch chief for AFPC.

An increase of nearly 1,050 people eligible for master sergeant coupled with a slight decrease in the number of overall master sergeant vacancies caused the rate to dip slightly this year, according to Billingsley. But, the promotion rate for technical sergeant remained about the same because while the number of vacancies decreased slightly as expected, the eligible population decreased as well.

People who tested are expected to receive their score notices in early July, allowing them to see just how their Promotion Fitness Examination and Specialty Knowledge Test scores rank against those they are directly competing with for promotion within their Air Force specialty code.

Individuals can also get an electronic copy of their score notice, not available until mid-July, by clicking on "vMPF" at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>.

The average selectee score for the master sergeant test cycle was 345.53 points based on the following:

- » 134.34 enlisted performance reports;
- » 70.75 Promotion Fitness Examination;
- » 64.78 Specialty Knowledge Test;
- » 26.83 time in grade;
- » 35.73 time in service; and
- » 11.78 decorations.

The average selectee has 3.39 years time in grade and 16.91 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to master sergeant beginning in August through July.

The average selectee score for the technical sergeant test cycle was 323.73 points based on the following:

- » 132.58 enlisted performance reports;
- » 62.41 Promotion Fitness Examination;
- » 54.97 Specialty Knowledge Test;
- » 37.95 time in grade;
- » 28.21 time in service; and
- » 6.65 decorations.

The average selectee has 5.30 years time in grade and 12.99 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to technical sergeant beginning in August through July. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

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